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Research in Sanskrit and Urdu
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/programmes under implementation by the Government/ University Grants Commission (UGC) to promote research in Sanskrit and Urdu in Universities and Colleges in the country;

(b) the funds allocated and released under these schemes during each of the last three years, scheme-wise and year-wise;

(c) the number of students enrolled in Sanskrit and Urdu research courses in Universities and Colleges;

(d) whether the Government intends to review the curriculum/syllabus to further the scope for research in Sanskrit and Urdu; and

(e) if so, the periodic intervals within which this review process shall be carried out in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it provides financial assistance to seven Sanskrit Universities in the country. The UGC provided grants amounting to Rs. 88.50 crores during 2013-14, Rs. 37.63 crores during 2014-15 and Rs. 83.70 crores during 2015-16 to these Universities.

The UGC also provides financial assistance to Maulana Azad National Urdu University, which is exclusively for promoting Urdu education in the country. The UGC provided grants amounting to Rs. 45.00 crores during 2013-14, Rs. 30.88 crores during 2014-15 and Rs. 37.00 crores during 2015-16 to the University.

Under the scheme of Special Assistance Programme (SAP), UGC has provided grants to a number of Sanskrit and Urdu departments in Universities to carry out research. Under the scheme of Major Research Project (MRP), UGC has provided grants to teachers in Universities & Colleges to carry out research in these subjects. The details of grants released during the last three years, under these two schemes, for the above purposes, are at annexure.

(c): As per the final report of AISHE for the year 2013-14, the number of students enrolled in Sanskrit and Urdu research courses (M.Phil. & Ph.D) in Universities and Colleges are 2142 and 1141 respectively.

(d) & (e): Under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), the UGC has formulated the curricula for undergraduate programs offered in Sanskrit and Urdu and asked the universities to follow it along with the guidelines of CBCS. The syllabi are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_notices.aspx?id=1077 . In the "Instructional Template for Facilitating Implementation of Choice Based Credit System", universities have been given the option to change the syllabi to the extent of 30% keeping in view the expertise of the universities in a subject domain. The template is available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4426331_Instructional-Template.pdf .

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